

## **IMMIGRATION SCAMS**

New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has issued a warning to immigrants to be alert of potential scammers offering immigration services. These scammers claim to offer services and benefits for immigrants, and prey off of the increased fear and anxiety in immigrant communities since the presidential election.

**If you are an immigrant and you believe you have been scammed, report your case** to the Attorney General's Immigration Services Fraud Unit Hotline at **(866) 390-2992**. Attorney General Schneiderman's Fraud Unit Hotline will not ask you for your immigration status or share immigration information with federal authorities.

**If you wish to receive toll-free immigration support**, call the New Americans hotline. Managed by Catholic Charities Community Services, the New Americans hotline is a multi-lingual hotline that provides live assistance in immigration/naturalization information and referrals, regardless of citizenship or documented status. All calls to the hotline are confidential and anonymous. Call **(800) 566-7636 between 9:00AM to 8:00PM, Monday through Friday** to reach them.

### **Tips To Avoid Getting Scammed:**

- **Only work with a licensed lawyer or authorized service provider.**
- **NEVER sign blank documents or applications, or documents and applications that you do not understand.**
- **Do NOT make payments over phone or email.**